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SUPPLEMENTAL OFFICE ACTION

1. Applicant has submitted paper entitled "DEFECTIVE OFFICE ACTION" (Paper No. 6, filed September, 18, 2002). After further review, the Examiner concurs with Applicant's position that the Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") must be considered. With this Supplemental Office Action, the Examiner has considered the IDS (Paper No. 4).
2. However, because the document was previously crossed out, the Examiner respectfully requests Applicant to resubmit form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's initials and signature. The Examiner notes that even though Applicant will be resubmitting form PTO-1449, the reference has now been considered.
3. The period for response to this Office Action and the previous Office Action (Paper No. 5) mailed August 12, 2002 *has not changed* and remains as stated in the previous Office Action.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew J. Fischer whose telephone number is (703) 305-0292.

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